Allocation of gas to Andhra Pradesh

819. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation has discovered a large amount of natural gas reserves recently in Krishna-Godavari Basin No. 17 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the discovery such as estimated quantity of gas in terms of TCF discovered in KG basins;

(c) whether some gas is going to be allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh to meet its requirements by the GSPC; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Gujarat Petroleum Corporation has reported discovery of hydrocarbons recently in the Krishna-Godavari Basin in its 4th well KG#17 in the block KG-OSN-2001/3.

(b) The estimated quantity of gas can only be known after appraisal of the discovery by the Contractor in terms of the Production Sharing Contract.

(c) and (d) Under the PSC, the contractor has freedom to sell the gas produced.

MoU with UK Universities in petroleum sector

820. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed MoUs with leading UK universities to meet R & D needs of its petroleum industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to step-up exploration momentum in the energy sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The